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Letter dated 13 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of two declarations of the European Community and its member States on the question of Yugoslavia, issued in Lisbon on 10 January 1992 (see annexes).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annexes circulated as an official document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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ANNEX I

Declaration on Yugoslavia, issued at Lisbon on 10 January 1992 by the European Community and its States members

The Community and its member States welcome the resumption of the Conference on Yugoslavia, under the presidency of Lord Carrington, and call upon all republics to commit themselves fully to its successful outcome.

The Community and its member States also strongly support the efforts of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to promote the cease-fire agreed upon at Sarajevo, on 2 January 1992. They warmly welcome the decision by the United Nations Security Council to send immediately to Yugoslavia a group of liaison officers, who will work closely together with the Monitor Mission.

The Community and its member States reiterate their outrage at the intolerable aggression directed against the helicopters of the Monitor Mission, all the more so when the parties to the conflict had given formal guaranties on the security of the monitors. They strongly urge the authorities in Belgrade and the JNA to cooperate fully with the Commission of Inquiry, under the auspices of the Head of the Monitor Mission, so that those responsible can be brought to justice.

The Community and its member States fully support the efforts of the Head of the Monitor Mission to secure strict explicit guaranties with regard to the security of the monitors so as to avoid any further incident.

The Community and its member States underline that the activities of the Monitor Mission of the European Community in Yugoslavia remain a key element of the peaceful settlement of the current crisis. They stress once again the courage shown by the monitors and express the hope that the peace process will continue with renewed determination.

ANNEX II

Declaration on Montenegro, issued at Lisbon on 10 January 1992 by the European Community and its States members

The Community and its member States welcome the reconvening of the Conference on Yugoslavia, on 9 January 1992, at Brussels, and note with satisfaction that all parties to the conflict were present.

The Community and its member States recognize the contribution made by the Yugoslav parties to the furtherance of peaceful solution to the conflict. In this context, they note in particular the contribution by Montenegro to create the necessary conditions for the continuation of the Conference, thus allowing the negotiations on a comprehensive political settlement to move forward.

The Community and its member States are therefore ready to prepare for the adoption of positive measures in favour of this Republic similar to those measures which exist for other Republics.